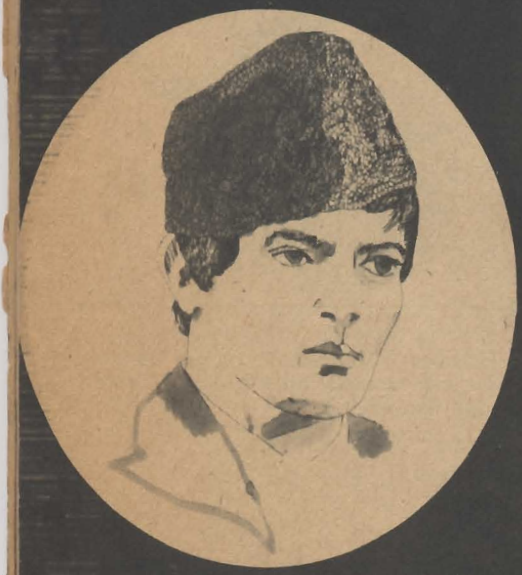

Dark Shadows

Flash!!! Well, gang, get your popcorn money ready again. That long rumored sequel to the DARK SHADOWS movie is about to become reality. DAN CURTIS, that dapper TV producer who created SHADOWS and later directed that fantastic movie, HOUSE OF DARK SHADOWS, has been asked by MGM to produce and direct a sequel to the film. So everyone at the SHADOWS studio is busy as the proverbial bee... the writers are trying to get the script together, the actors are vying for parts in the

James Storm

new film and CURTIS is trying to line up locations. And all the time, of course, they have to worry about the daily TV show. According to DAN, the sequel will star JON FRID, JOAN BENNETT, NANCY BARRETT, DAVID SELBY, JERRY LACY, LARA PARKER, KATE JACKSON, JIMMY STORM, DAVID HENESY, and GRAYSON HALL. The script is being put together by SAM HALL and GORDON RUSSELL who also wrote the first movie script...

DIANA PALIOTA, the gal Friday for the **DARK SHADOWS** cast, has just returned to her desk following a month's vacation in Europe. (What a lucky gal.) **DIANE** reports that she visited Denmark, Germany, England and Morocco on this, her first trip to the European and African continents. While she was in Europe, she contacted **KATIE SCOTT** who moved to the continent recently to be with her boyfriend, **BEN MARTIN**, and to try and crack the European movie industry. Says Diane: "**KATIE** looks great. She seems to be very happy and feels she is just on the brink of getting her first European movie break." Let's all keep our fingers crossed for her. Incidentally, **DIANE** went to Europe with her beau, a handsome young Scandinavian, who introduced her to some of his relatives in Denmark...

NANCY BARRETT, whose flowing blonde hair has been one of her trademarks ever since she joined **DARK SHADOWS**, startled us all the other day when she announced that she might cut her hair short. Well, you should have heard the comments. **DAVID HENESY** said that if she went ahead with her plan, he'd stop talking to her. **DAVID SELBY** said almost the same thing... but in stronger language. Most of the girls in the cast, however, were of the opinion that if **NANCY** wanted short hair, she should have it. Well, in the end, **NANCY** took the advice of her male friends and cancelled the appointment with her hairdresser...

Last month we reported that **DAVID SELBY** had finally located an apartment large enough to house his wife, child, cat and himself except that he had to wait for the current tenant to vacate. Well, as of this writing, **DAVID** is still waiting. "I almost wish we hadn't found this place," he told us recently. "I just can't stand this waiting around. At least when we were still searching, I felt as if we were doing something concrete to solve our housing problem. But now, this sitting around and waiting is just getting to me." **DAVID** hopes he'll be in his new place by the time we write next month's column. If so, we'll describe his pad in detail for you...

David Selby

JON FRID, who we all love as Barnabas, admitted to us that he's getting a little tired of his television alter-ego. And so he was very happy recently when he was asked to star in a new play entitled "**MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL**" which will play for two weeks at the Central Presbyterian Church on Park Avenue in New York in the spring. The play is being directed by **JON**'s former manager, **BOB TEUSCHER**, who is a talented stage director in his own right. "I'm really anxious to do this play," **JON** tells us. "It will give me a great opportunity to do something other than the spooky parts I've been doing

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on 'SHADOWS'. I want to avoid the pitfall of becoming typecast as a vampire. That's why, in recent weeks on 'SHADOWS,' I've been playing a dual role— that of **BARNABAS** and a more normal-type character. I want to break out of this kind of typecasting."

But don't get angry at **JON**, kids. He really loves **BARNABAS.** He just wants to **extend** his acting sphere. "Without **BARNABAS** and his millions of fans out there in TV-Land, I never could have made it. I'm grateful to everyone," says **JON.** And we're grateful to you, too, **JON**, for all those wonderful hours of television entertainment . . .

DENISE NICKERSON, that delectable little 13-year-old who left the **"SHADOWS"** cast several months ago to concentrate on movie making, recently returned from Europe, where she made a movie, and visited her old friends at **"SHADOWS."** **DENISE**, who looks more adorable than ever, came back in time to see her first full-length feature, **"THE NEON CEILING,"** on television. We caught the film and found **DENISE** to be just delightful in her role as **LEE GRANT's** daughter. The TV critics called the film one of the best ever made for television and most of them predicted a great future for **DENISE.** But we all knew that a long time ago, didn't we? In any event, if you missed seeing the film the first time around on ABC-TV, be sure and catch the repeat. It will probably be shown again sometime in the summer . . .

Denise Nickerson

Believe it or not, the hottest topic of discussion on the set this past month is something we've all been thinking about—Hot Pants (also called City Shorts—the new short shorts for summer)!! From what we could tell from our eavesdropping, there seems to be complete agreement on the subject by both the guys and gals. Everyone loves hot pants. Here's a sampling of some of the things we heard in between takes recently:

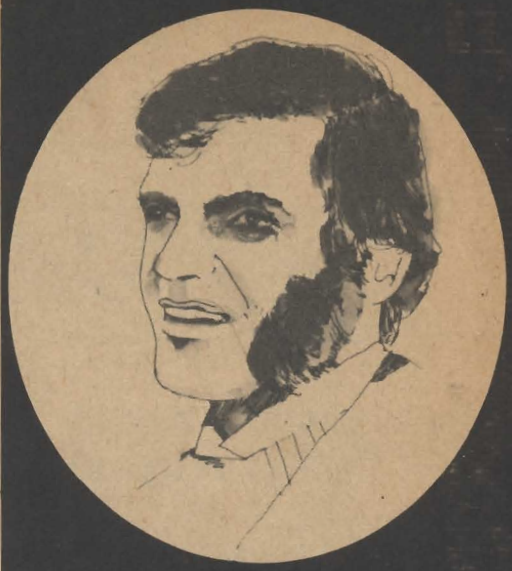
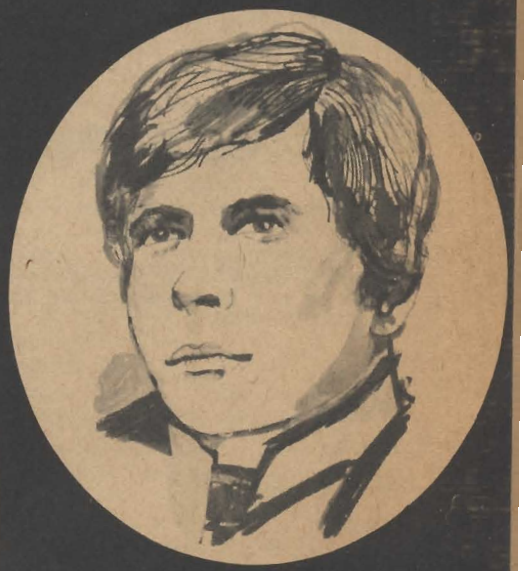
Kate Jackson

NANCY BARRETT (Who's got a real terrific figure) says that she already has bought two or three sets of hot pants. "I think they're real groovy looking," **Nancy** says. "Especially if you've got half way decent looking legs. And they're especially comfortable in the warm weather."

LARA PARKER (another stunner) admitted that she hadn't bought any hot pants yet, but that she was slowly coming around to getting some. "I love them," she says, "but I'm not so sure about my husband. Although he hasn't come right out and said it, I think he likes the hot pants—but on another woman, not me."

KATHY CODY (oh, hum, another living doll) promises to wear her hot pants to the studio one day soon. "I just don't know how the guys will be able to concentrate," she said jokingly. "After all, they just won't be able to take their eyes off me. All joking aside, though, I really love the hot pants. They're so comfy and yet they're real sexy."

DAVID SELBY, overhearing the conversation, finally got the courage to add his opinion. "I think hot pants are great. But only on girls with decent legs. What I'm afraid is that girls who shouldn't wear them, will if it really gets popular. And that would be disasterous."

KATE JACKSON, who has fantastic legs, said that she had just bought her first pair of hot pants and hadn't yet decided where or when to wear them. "I still don't know which restaurants in Town will allow you to wear them to dinner, and I'm not the bravest girl in the world. If I ever wore them to a restaurant and they told me I couldn't enter, I would be very embarrassed."

MIKE STROKA, who stopped by the studio to visit, looked at **KATE** and just whistled. That was comment enough. That's it for this month.